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To: Representative Don Roberts, Chair and committee Members Joint appropriations Sub-Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am writing in opposition to any further cuts in the Medicaid Waiver Program and affiliated programs. Our people are our greatest natural resource. To tell those least able to fend for themselves that they must put one less meal on the table every week and put off even basic clothing purchases, while corporate welfare keeps increasing tells us that we do not matter and corporate greed does. Our case managers are already over worked and what programs we still have have already been cut by the last legislature. Those of us who depend on these services to maintain an independent existence do NOT want to have to go already overcrowded nursing homes.

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